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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Research and Development Council

23 April 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

FROM: [Redacted]

Chairman

SUBJECT: Counterterrorism R&D Study

1. Last year the DDCI requested that a review be conducted of the research and development (R&D) resources of the Intelligence Community, which are being applied to counter the terrorist threat. The Council has completed the review which is attached. We find that additional technologic opportunities are available and recommend that they should be considered in order to provide for new capabilities to inhibit terrorist activities. [Redacted]

2. The Council recognizes the austere budgetary situation, which is facing all Community members. However, the threat of terrorism to US interests has been pervasive and shows no sign of slackening in the near future. Therefore, the Council recommends that you request NFIP Program Managers to review their current FY 1986 and proposed 1987 budgets to assure that programs in support of technology directed against terrorists be given as high a priority as possible. In the case of FY 1986, I recommend that consideration be given for the reprogramming of resources. [Redacted]

3. In the development of our report, we have focused on the identification of new unfunded R&D initiatives, which will provide for improved capabilities. This presents a overall funding requirement for about [Redacted] for a three-year period. Within this amount, we have further identified about [Redacted] for highest priority initiatives, which are directly responsive to current operational limitations. These limitations fall into four categories: [Redacted]

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4. I support the Council's recommendations and recommend that we try to provide for as many of these technological initiatives as may be feasible. Certain aspects of the terrorism problem may be more tractable through the development and application of advanced technology, and I believe that we should attempt to press for such development where it is possible. I offer my assistance as may be required.

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Attachment:
R&D to Counter the Terrorist
Threat Study

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